PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF DEFENSE PRODUC-TION ACT OF 1950, HOUSING AND RENT ACT OF 1947, AS AMENDED, AND CERTAIN IMPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY

JUNE 28, 1951.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. Spence, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 278]

The Committee on Banking and Currency, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 278) to continue for a temporary period the Defense Production Act of 1950; the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended; and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

This joint resolution would continue for 1 month the Defense Production Act of 1950, the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, and the act of June 30, 1950 (Public Law 590, 81st Cong.).

The Defense Production Act of 1950 provides basic authorities to attain the economic mobilization and stabilization objectives of the whole defense program. Titles I, II, III, and VII of the act relating respectively to priorities and allocations, authority to requisition, expansion of productive capacity and supply, and general provisions, presently expire at the close of June 30, 1952, but are effective after June 30, 1951, only to the extent necessary to aid in carrying out contracts relating to national defense entered into by the Government prior to July 1, 1951. In order to provide a 1-month extension in these expiring authorities it is necessary to substitute July 31, 1951, for the June 30, 1951, date and substitute August 1, 1951, for the July 1, 1951, date. Titles IV, V, and VI of the act relating, respectively, to price and wage stabilization, settlement of labor disputes, and control of consumer and real-estate credit, presently expire at the close of June 30, 1951. The change of this date to July 31, 1951, provides a 1-month extension in these three titles of the act. The expiration dates of the act appear in section 716 of the act and section

1 of this joint resolution provides for the above-noted changes in dates in section 716 of the act to accomplish a 1-month extension. No other changes in the Defense Production Act would be made by this

joint resolution.

The Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, establishes priorities for veterans in the occupancy of newly constructed sale or rental housing and provides authority for the exercise of Federal rent control in defense rental areas. There are three June 30, 1951, expiration dates in this act: One relating to the above-mentioned veterans' preference, another to the existence of the Office of Housing Expediter (who administers the act), and the third to exercise of Federal rent control under the act. Section 2 of this resolution would change each of these dates to July 31, 1951, and thereby accomplish a 1-month extension of all the authorities of the act. No other change would be made in the existing authorities of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended.

The act of June 30, 1950 (Public Law 590, 81st Cong.), provides certain powers and authority for exercising, administering, and enforcing import controls with respect to fats and oils (including butter), and rice and rice products. The authority of this act presently remains in effect until July 1, 1951. Section 3 of this resolution continues this act unchanged for a 1-month period through substituting

August 1, 1951, for July 1, 1951.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the joint resolution, as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

Sec. 716. (a) Titles I, II, III, and VII of this Act and all authority conferred thereunder shall terminate at the close of June 30, 1952, but such titles shall be effective after [June 30], July 31, 1951 only to the extent necessary to aid in carrying out contracts relating to the national defense entered into by the Government prior to July 1] August 1, 1951.

(b) Titles IV, V, and VI of this Act, and all authority conferred thereunder shall terminate at the close of June 30] July 31, 1951.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing-

(1) The Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may terminate this Act prior to the termination otherwise provided therefor

(2) The Congress may also provide by concurrent resolution that any section of this Act and all authority conferred thereunder shall terminate

prior to the termination otherwise provided therefor.

(3) Any agency created under this Act may be continued in existence for purposes of liquidation for not to exceed six months after the termination

of the provision authorizing the creation of such agency.

(d) The termination of any section of this Act, or of any agency or corporation utilized under this Act, shall not affect the disbursement of funds under, or the carrying out of, any contract, guarantee, commitment or other obligation entered into pursuant to this Act prior to the date of such termination, or the taking of any action necessary to preserve or protect the interests of the United States in any amounts advanced or paid out in carrying on operations under this Act.

Approved September 8, 1950.

HOUSING AND RENT ACT OF 1947, AS AMENDED

TITLE I-AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAW

Sec. 4. * * * (e) This section shall cease to be in effect at the close of $\llbracket June \ 30 \rrbracket \ July \ 31$, 1951, or upon the date that the President proclaims that the protection to veterans of World War II or their families provided by this section is no longer needed. whichever date is the earlier, except that as to offenses committed, or rights or liabilities incurred, prior to such termination date, the provisions of this title and regulations and orders issued thereunder shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper suit, action, or prosecution with respect to any such right, liability, or offense.

TITLE II-MAXIMUM RENTS

RENT CONTROL UNDER THIS TITLE

Sec. 204. (a) The Housing Expediter shall administer the powers, functions, and duties under this title; and for the purpose of exercising such powers, functions, and duties, and the powers, functions, and duties granted to or imposed upon the Housing Expediter by title I of this Act, the Office of Housing Expediter is hereby extended until the close of June 30 July 31, 1951.

(f) The provisions of this title shall cease to be in effect at the close of June 30 July 31, 1951, or upon the date of a proclamation by the President or upon the date specified in a concurrent resolution by the two Houses of the Congress, declaring that the further continuance of the authority granted by this title is not necessary because of the existence of an emergency, whichever date is the earlier; except that as to rights or liabilities incurred prior to such termination date, the provisions of this title and regulations, orders, and requirements thereunder shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper suit or action with respect to any such right or liability.

PUBLIC LAW 590, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, title III of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, as amended, and the amendments to existing law made by such title shall continue in effect until July 1 August 1, 1951, for the purpose of authorizing and exercising, administering, and enforcing of import controls with respect to fats and oils (including oil-bearing materials, fatty acids, butter, soap and soap powder, but excluding petroleum and petroleum products and coconuts and coconut products) and rice and rice products upon a determination by the President that such controls are (a) essential to the acquisition or distribution of products in world short supply or (b) essential to the orderly liquidation of temporary surpluses of stocks owned or controlled by the Government: *Provided, however*, That such controls shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased.

Approved June 30, 1950.

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